



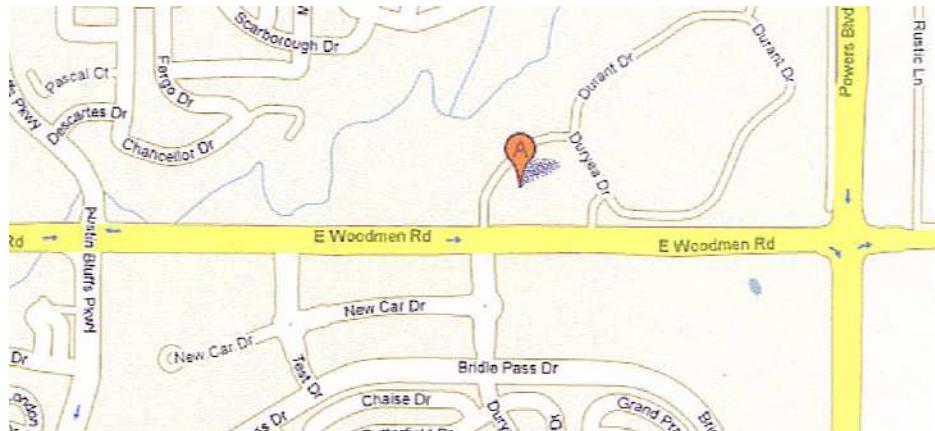
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PPRAA Christmas Party At Golden Corral



This years PPRAA Christmas party will be on December 10th 2008 at 6:30pm.



5410 E Woodmen Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80920



Mike WV7T and Jeff KCØSXV
operating KØUSN on Veterans Day

(Photo by KB2BZY)

**Ham Breakfast
December 6th 2008**

**Country Buffet
751 North Academy
(Citadel Crossing)
8:00 am - 9:30 am**

The Ham Breakfasts will continue in 2009 at
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Mike Anderson, WV7T

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DITS & BITS

For Sale:



Yaesu FT-101EE. The rig operates from 160-10 meters CW/SSB and has a solid state receiver and a 3 tube transmitter. Along with the rig is an external digital frequency readout. I am asking \$150.

Mike WV7T, wv7t@arrl.net

PC 3200 memory wanted

Will trade, two PC 4200 DDR2 1GB memorys for 2 GB of PC3200 DDR in four 512 GB or two 512 GB and a 1 GB memory. Mike WV7T wv7t@arrl.net

New Years Resolution

The New Year 2009 is just around the corner. For something different make one ham resolution. Pick just one thing in amateur radio you would like to do and use all year 2009 to achieve it. Send in to Ø-Beat your resolution and from time to time an update on how you are doing to.

Thursday Night Net Clarification

Last month we announced a Thursday night 10-meter net on 28.4 MHz at 7 pm. It was announced that the net would take place in the AM mode, but rules and Regulations only allow Generals and higher to use AM in that segment of the band. Unfortunately, Techs and Novices, even though they have phone Privileges there, can only operate SSB phone. Therefore, the net should start out in SSB mode, then move to AM or FM with only the Generals and higher. The PPRAA does not want to be contributing to anyone earning a pink slip from the FCC for violating this rule unintentionally. See 97.305(c) and 97.307(f)(10) for the rules."

PPRAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
17 November 2008

Attendees: Dan WØRO, Mike WV7T, David KØDA, Dennis ACØIV, John KCØJFH, Doug N7LEM, Bill KDØJU, and Dennis NØABC.

President Doug N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Dennis ACØIV reported that we have \$11,190.43 total in our accounts as of 5 November 2008.

COQP 2008 –Doug reported that he has about 8 logs left to score out of 80 or 90 submitted.

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be Wednesday, 10 December 2008. Dan has reserved the Golden Corral at Woodmen and Powers conference room for the evening (6:30 PM start). Dennis AC0IV will get the door prize gift certificates. Dennis ACØIV/Dennis NØABC moved/seconded to spend \$50 for door prizes in addition to the gift certificates. Dave will handle this.

Plaques

We will need to get award plaques made for Christmas party presentations and COQP awards.

HamCon 2009

Dan stated that we will be responsible for talk-in. Will also be having regular QSO's as station W1AW. Two UHF radios will be required for this activity. There was also a question about insurance coverage for the event through our club insurance. Date is the last weekend in May, including Friday.

Megafest 2009

This will be July18 or 25. Rob is waiting for confirmation from LPHS. At the club meeting the group decided to get the Icon 756PROIII. Dennis will cancel the Elecraft K3 order.

New Business

Operating Events

Doug wants to get the members more involved by hosting an operating event every other month starting in Feb 2009. If you have any ideas or suggestions for these events, please contact a board member.

Around the Table

Dan WØRO inquired about the warranty status of the radios purchased for prizes from HRO. Dennis AC0IV will inquire about this when he purchases the radios.

Mike WV7T distributed a list of club assets and its location. Mike has transferred most of this stuff to Dan ACØCC and Dan WØRO.

Dan WØRO suggested that we trim the club meeting business meeting time down by having a "hot sheet" that has the details of the treasurer's report and committee reports.

David KØDA is looking for suggestions for programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next PPRAA Board meeting: 7PM, Monday, 19 January 2008, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation. (No December board meeting).

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
18 November 2008

PPRAA CLUB MEETING MINUTES 12 November 2008

Vice President: Dave Moore KØDAM called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Fargo's Pizza, followed by introductions around the room.

Silent Keys: None.

Minutes: Les KCØNC/Mike WV7T moved/seconded that the October meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Zero Beat. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Rosas ACØIV reported that we had a \$11,190.43 total balance in our three accounts as of 5 Nov 2008.

Committee Reports
COQP – no report

HamCon 2009 – no report

MegaFest 2009
Confirmation of the final date is still pending from LPHS. It expected to be in July, either the 18th or the 25th. An informal poll was taken regarding the selection of the main prize of either an Icom

756PROIII or an Elecraft K3. A majority preferred the Icom unit. The pending order for the Elecraft unit will be cancelled.

Old Business

Salvation Army Holiday Support

Volunteers are still needed for ham radio communications for the Community Holiday Dinners. Please contact KC0NAJ@arrl.net if you can help with this activity. Operators are needed at six sites. This request comes from Alma Scott, the Colorado Springs Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator.

Thursday Night Net

Dan ACØCC - see PPRAA website, www.ppraa.org, for details.

New Business

CMRG

JC Gainer KC7GOL provided an update on recent CMRG activities. They are in the process of moving their repeaters on Cheyenne Mountain to another building. They will also be adding a D-STAR repeater on 70 cm, in addition to having conventional repeaters on 70cm and 2m. See <http://www.qsl.net/cmrg/> for more info.

Program

Dennis Rosas ACØIV, operating as OX3UP in Greenland, presented a talk and photos on Operating in Greenland: Thule Air Base, 700 Miles North of the Arctic Circle.

Next Club Meeting: The annual Christmas party will be 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at the Golden Corral restaurant at Woodmen and Powers (NW corner).

The next regular club meeting will be the second Monday, 7 PM, January 14, 2009, back at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

Next Board Meeting: 7 PM, Monday following club meeting, 19 January 2008, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation, 4110 Tutt Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary

NONPROFIT STATUS

The PPRAA is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and welcomes all contributions. Your contributions or donations may be tax-deductible.

ARRL VE Exam Fees Increase by \$1 from \$14 to \$15 starting in *January 2009*.

World Radio Magazine has been acquired by CQ Communications, Inc.

For complete details of how World Radio will continue to be available go to:

<http://newsvc.cq-amateur-radio.com/>

PPRAA December VE Exams

The next PPRAA VE Exam session will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2008, in Room 101 Colorado Technical University. Directions to CTU are on the PPRAA website www.ppraa.org. Applicants will need the following items at the session:

1. A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required and includes children). Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or FRN (FCC Registration Number) if already licensed or previously obtained (required for ALL candidates, regardless of age).
3. Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
4. The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
5. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$14 (standard ARRL VE Fee).

Jackie Cornwell AC0CA
POC VE Team
719-632-8254

Plaque World

Plaque World may be closing its doors. This is the engraver where PPRAA name badges have been made for many years. For more information and directions see www.plaqueworld.net.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page, and fill out all of the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at www.qsl.net/ppraa/membership.html.

Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
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